

HB 25-1053: LANDOWNER IMMUNITY EMERGENCY ACCESS TO PROP

Prime Sponsors:

Rep. Mauro; Weinberg Sen. Marchman; Baisley

Bill Outcome: Signed into Law **Drafting number:** LLS 25-0182

Fiscal note status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill, which was recommended by the Wildfire

Matters Review Committee.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill grants immunity from civil liability to landowners who allow access to their property during an emergency.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

Minimal State Workload

• State Revenue

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Version: Final Fiscal Note

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Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts

	Budget Year	Out Year
Type of Impact	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

For landowners who allow entry and exit access to their property in connection with an emergency, the bill provides immunity from civil liability for damage or injury to persons or property. Immunity is not granted when damage or injury arises from gross negligence or willful misconduct caused by the landowner.

State Revenue and Expenditures

Starting in FY 2025-26, the bill may minimally decrease revenue and workload for the Judicial Department. To the extent that fewer civil cases are filed as a result of the bill's immunity provisions, filing fees to various cash funds in the Judicial Department will decrease. Similarly, workload for trial courts in the Judicial Department will also decrease if fewer civil cases are filed. Overall, these impacts are expected to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 20, 2025, and takes effect on August 6, 2025, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties Local Affairs

Fire Chiefs Municipalities

Forest Service Public Safety

Higher Education Regulatory Agencies

Judicial Sheriffs

Law Special District Association